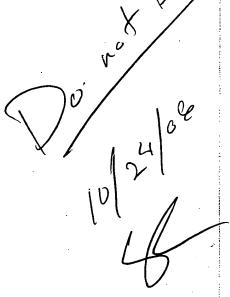
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 25 May 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for 25 August 2006.

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